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Calling of tenders by Divisional Engineers, Highways.

9-40 a.m. * 400 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Divisional Engineers, Bridges (Highways), are authorised after calling for tenders for a work to grant the work to parties other than the tenderers;

(*b*) if so, under what conditions;

(*c*) whether the Government have received a representation recently about the injustice arising on account of such practice in the Kakinada Division; and

(*d*) if so, what action the Government have taken on the same?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) When there is no response to tender calls or when all the tenders received are unsatisfactory and have to be rejected and it is considered that a call for further tenders will be fruitless or is undesirable, the Divisional Engineer (Highways) can allot the work to a contractor selected by him with the sanction of his immediate superior authority.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The question is whether the Government have received any representation to the effect that a person who has not tendered has been given the contract in the Kakinada Division."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member seems to know the name of the person. He could as well give it to me and I shall look into the matter."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I do not have a copy of the representation just now nor do I remember the name. A representation has been made to the Government and the name of the person is given in it. Will the Government look into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have not received any representation."

SRI **T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI** :—" మంత్రి గారికి తెలుగు తెలుసు కనుక, నా ప్రశ్నను సక్రమంగా, సావధానంగా వినమని కోరుతున్నాను. కంట్రాక్టర్లు టెండర్లు పంపేటప్పుడు వాటిలో కొన్ని ఎస్టిమేట్లుకూడా పంపుతారు. ఆ అంచనాలలో ఇంతమంది కూలీలను నియమించవలసి ఉంటుందని, వారికి ఈ ఈరేట్ల ప్రకారం చెల్లించ దలచామని తెలియజేస్తారు. అయితే ఈ కంట్రాక్టర్లు కూలీలకు అంచనాలలో తెలియజేసిన కూలిరేట్లను ఇవ్వడం లేదనే విషయం మంత్రిగారికి తెలియనట్టిది కాదు. ఇట్టి అన్యాయాలను కంట్రాక్టర్లు చేయకుండా ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఏమి చర్యలు తీసుకొనదలచారో తెలియజేస్తారా ? "

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member seems to presume that I know too much. He can put a separate question."

Grant of subsistence loans in Nellore district.

* 401 Q.—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how much money has been granted in Nellore district towards subsistence loans so far this year, and how much is to be granted within the end of the year;

(b) how much money has been granted towards Takkavi loans in Nellore district within this year up to now and how much is to be granted within the end of the year; and

(c) how much loan is to be granted towards agricultural loan and how much has been granted up to now in Nellore district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) to (c) The amounts disbursed as loans under Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Acts and Subsistence Loans in Nellore district during the periods from 1st April 1951 to 31st March 1952 and from 1st April to 30th September 1952 are as follows :—

	Amounts disbursed.	
	From 1st April 1951 to 31st March 1952.	From 1st April 1952 to 30th September 1952.
	RS.	RS.
Loans under Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Acts	2,13,500	3,57,830
Subsistence loans	Nil.	2,20,973

The requirements of the remaining months during 1952–53 under the two heads are estimated as follows :—

	RS.
Loans under Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Acts .. .. —	7,00,000
Subsistence loans	10,00,000

The future disbursement of the amounts however depends on the seasonal conditions in the coming months."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the grant of loans to the famine affected villages in the Nellore district has been stopped under the orders of the Famine Commissioner who visited the district in the month of November this year? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Collector has been asked to reject applications for subsistence loans, unless it be that he has good reasons for supporting them in particular pockets in which case proposals may be sent at once."